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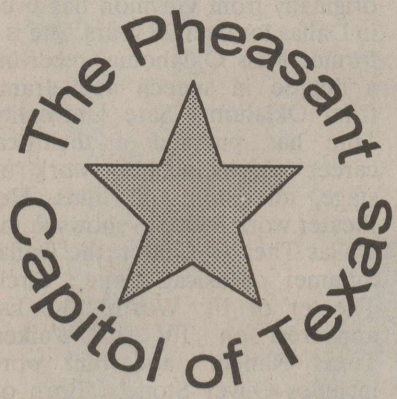
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## Cotney Uninjured In Roll over

Shown above is the pickup driven by Brenda Cotney who was southbound on Highway 287 Wednesday, April 9th at

approximately 8:30 a.m. when she hit a patch of ice and overturned one time landing in the center median. She was

taken to Dumas Memorial Hospital with minor injuries and

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## Grand Opening

Keener Napa and Melton Automotive had their Grand Opening on Friday, April 11, 1997. Chili Dogs were served and door prizes given away. Shown above is Travis, Kimberly and Sabrina Melton, Amanda, Teresa and Floyd Keener.

## TRTA To Meet Thursday, April 17th

The local unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m. in St. James Episcopal Church. The church is located at the corner of Denver Ave. and 8th street.

Officers will be installed; a silent auction will enable members and visitors to sell for a good cause--that little knick knack they received twenty years ago and to buy that precious ornament that will add just the right decorative touch to their home. Please come early with your "white elephants".

There are plans for attending the spring leadership conference in Canyon, increasing membership, a legislative update, writing and telephoning legislators.

The guest speaker will be an insurance specialist on long term health care.

Hostesses for the meeting are Awanda Morris and Nannie Belle Graves.

**Sherman Co. Child Welfare Board**  
To Report Suspected Child Abuse, Call  
Angie Aguilar - 396-2040  
Kathie Altman - 396-5611  
Arlene Baker - 396-5318  
Laura Dahl - 827-7476  
Patsy Harland - 827 - 7568  
Viola Kautz - 396-2058  
Jerry Stewart - 396-5554  
Child Protection Services  
935-4375  
ALL CALLS CONFIDENTIAL

## Keep "Garden Basket" In Mind

Thinking about planting that garden. Keep the "Garden Basket" in mind at the Sherman County Fair Sept. 4-5-6.

## Pantry Board

On April 8, 1997 the following Pantry Board members met at the County Library.

The next meeting will be Oct. 7. The Board would like to thank all the people/organizations who have helped in any way.

If there is a need please call 396-2436.

## Pinewood Derby

1997 Pinewood Derby, Saturday, April 19, 1997, 7:30 p.m. OLD GYM.

Cub/Tiger Cub Division and Open Division.

Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Grand Champion.

Models awarded for 4th, 5th, 6th, Best Design & Best Decorated.

## 6th Annual Ranch Hand Calf Fry Supper & Auction May 2

Tickets are now on sale for Lollipop Junctions Ranchhand Supper and Auction. A few of the auction items are a Tool Box from Gebo's, Insect Sprayer, Fogger-HiPro, Multi Game Board-Ewers Trucking, Autograph picture of Warren Moon, Dessert of he Month-Keri Knight. This all happens Friday evening May 2, 6:00 to 7:30 at the County Exhibit Building.

## Sherman County Fair Planning a "Peachy" Time

Peach blossoms frozen, but still going to have a "Peachy Time" for Fair. Peaches will not be home grown but the show will go on.

## Help!! Kindergarten Swimming Volunteers

Kindergarten Swimming Beginning Swimming Lessons April 21-May 2. Kindergarten swimming will be early this year for two reasons. The pool is ready and Kindergartners will be able to go swimming for P.E. the last three weeks of school.

Volunteers are needed for 8 positions in the pool and also helpers to help dress wet bodies after the class. Requirements for swimming helpers: willing to get your face wet, patience and smile. I thank the 8 persons who have expressed a willingness to help. (none of which have children in kindergarten). If you are willing to help with this program as a primary helper or a substitute, please contact Jim Bob Brown, Mary Allen principal or Gaynelle Riffe, Water Safety Instructor.

## Scot Bingo

Bingo at Scot Hall Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m.

## Fundraiser For Spanish III Trip

Stuffed Baked Potato Dinner Sunday, April 20, 1997-11:30-1:30 Fundraiser for Spanish III Trip to Mexico. Free will donation



Joe Zak and Jim Taliaferro were just two of the many folks that showed up Saturday morning to help on the Taylor Building.

## Workdays Are Huge Success For Taylor Building

The first two workdays were a great success in kicking off the renovations of the Taylor Building!

And we would like to thank those hardworking people who did such a fantastic job these past two Saturdays. They worked very hard to start the renovation project and made an enormous amount of progress in just one and a half days. If you are anywhere near the building...take a look in and see the progress! The SCDC would like to thank them for giving up their Saturday for such a worthy project. (It was a very dirty job!)

Those individuals were:

## Baseball Organizational Meeting

Anyone interested in the 1997 Baseball Season needs to be at an organizational meeting on Monday, April 21, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. This includes all persons interested in coaching, umpiring, concession stand, etc. At this time, we will need some volunteers to step forward and

## Four Candidates Signed Up For Trustee Election

Four candidates have signed up for the Stratford Ind. School District Trustee Election to be held on May 3, 1997. Those filing for position are Don Reed and incumbents Sandy Baskin, Philip Walden and Kenton Kimball. Three positions will be filled.

Early voting will begin April 14, 1997 and continue through April 29, 1997. You may early vote at the Superintendent's office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Regular voting will be conducted on May 3, 1997 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 25, 1997 will be the last day to receive applications for early voting ballots to be voted my mail.

## Kindergarten Swimming Begins April 21

Volunteer teachers are Kathy Riffe, Rene Cavitt, Lauri Ewers, Lisa Crabtree, Dana Buckles, Becky Asher, Karen Riffe/Jeanne Bell, Monica Duran. Substitutes: Jeannie Bennett, Carol Heatwole, Sisty Vincent, Gayle Rhoades, Kathy Thomas, Toni Watson. Student help: Ty Young, J.B. Presley, Jeremy Pool, Michael Meil, Gaynelle Riffe -Water Safety instructor. We need dressers to help keep clothes dry and put socks and shoes on damp feet!!! A great place for parents.

George Harding, John Wilson, Eugene Griffin, B.A. & LeRayne Donelson, Gregg Hudson, Johnny Mungia, Gayland Vandiver, Gene Marshall, John Schmidt, Wesley Spurlock, Joe Zak, Don & Gaynelle Riffe, Joe Rangel, Jim, Julianna, & Matthew Taliaferro, E.R. & Joan Bell, Dick Davenport, Earl Griffin, Romero Rodriguez, Lorie Vincent, (and even the Taliaferro dog).

And our appreciation once again, to the City of Stratford for the use of their truck.

We'll keep you posted on further workdays to be scheduled. Watch that space for exciting new developments!

take charge of the baseball program. Those of us that have been doing it for the last several years are NOT going to do it again. If no one volunteers, there will be no baseball season!! and without baseball, it would be a long, boring summer for our kids. So please, find the time in your busy schedule to keep our baseball program going. It's not hard work, but it does require volunteers.

## Kids For Kids '97

CASA 69, Inc. will host their annual "Kids for Kids" event in Stratford's Pendleton Park this year on Saturday, April 26, 1997. The WALK n ROLL will start at 10:30 a.m. and Food & Game Booths will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come join us for lunch, we'll have food booths galore, then stay for an afternoon of family fun and entertainment. The highlight of the afternoon will be the "KISS A PIG" contest. Be sure to come out to see whether the local DPS officers, Sheriff's deputies or City Police Officers win the opportunity to "KISS A PIG".

This is fundraising event CASA 69, Inc. and for the participating organizations. CASA 69, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides trained community volunteers to speak up for the best interests of children whose home placement is being decided by the court system, because the children are victims of child abuse or neglect.

The community of Stratford has been an outstanding supporter of CASA 69, Inc., not only financially but in the fact that many of our trained volunteers come from Stratford. CASA 69, Inc. is in it's eleventh year of outstanding service to the children of the 69th Judicial District. We hope you'll join us once again for a day of food, fun and entertainment! See you on Saturday, the 26th!

## 18th Annual Meeting Of Stratford Area Foundation April 22, 1997

The 18th Annual meeting of Stratford Area Foundation will be on Tuesday, April 22, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at Sherman County Library. Entertainment will be provided by the Imagination Singers and the directors for 1997 will be elected. Refreshments will be at the close of the meeting.

This past year the Stratford Area Foundation had distributions to the Sherman County Development Corporation-\$340 for a sign; Boy Scouts Troop #38-\$750 for tents; Sherman County Museum-\$2,000 for box car renovations; and Stratford Independent School District- \$12,000 for swimming pool repairs. Current assets of the Stratford Area Foundation is totalling over \$301,000.00.

Everyone is invited to attend. Come and learn more about how the Foundation is helping our area.

If you have any grant requests, you can notify B.A. Donelson or Gail Allen at First State Bank in Stratford.

## WTA&M Univ. Pres. To Speak At Annual Banquet

The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold their Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet this year on Thursday, April 24th at 12:00 noon. The banquet will be held at the Sherman County Barn and Dr. Russell C. Long, President of West Texas A&M University will be the guest speaker. The District Board of Directors will also be recognizing our Conservation Farmer and Homemaker for 1997 along with the winners in the Coloring, Poster and Essay contests.

We would love for you, your family, and any business associates to join us. The Banquet will again be catered by K-Bob's of Dalhart and to assist them in this effort, if you could please call us at 396-5517 before April 18, we would appreciate it.

SINCE THIS IS A WORK DAY-COME AS YOU ARE.

## Football Coaches Needed For Fall

Needed 3rd & 4th Grade and 5th & 6th grade football coaches for August, 1997 season. 396-2152.

## 6th Annual Ranch Hand Calf Fry Supper

The 6th Annual Ranch Hand Calf Fry Supper and Auction will be Friday, May 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. This is to help support Lollipop Junction Kids.

## April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

## Attention: Seedling Trees Are In

ATTENTION: Seedling trees are in at the Soil and Water Conservation Office. There are a few cotoneaster, honeysuckle, nanking cherry, cottonwood and lilacs left. The price is .65 each. There are also a very few astrian pines at \$2.00 each. Come by the office or call 396-5517.

# Looking Ahead

## Chamber Calendar

April  
 Keep Stratford Beautiful Month  
 Chamber of Commerce Month  
 20- Stuffed Potato Lunch-School Cafeteria

23 Secretaries Day  
 25-No School-snow day  
 26-CASA's "Kids for Kids" fun day Pendleton Park  
 29-FHA Cookout

May  
 1-FFA Banquet  
 3-Lollipop Junction Calf Fries/Auction  
 13-Band Banquet  
 15-Athletic Banquet  
 17-Scholastic Banquet  
 18-Baccalaureate  
 22-8th Grade Graduation  
 23-High School Graduation  
 Beginning of Little League

### NPWD To Honor Don M. Piatt

Don Piatt will be honored at a reception on Friday, April 18, 1997 at the District office, 603 East First in Dumas, Texas. The reception will be from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Presentations will be made at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to come by, visit and share the good memories had with Don during his 27 years of service to the District.

Don was hired by the district in 197- and started work in the Spearman office. He worked in the countries of Hansford, Hutchinson, Ochilree, and Lipscomb. In 1982 he moved to Dumas and did most of the field work in the western counties of Hartley, Sherman and Moore. After his move to Dumas, Don continued his work as engineer, draftsman and resident expert on the hydrology of the North Plains Ground Water District No. Two.

In 1989 Don began the task of entering the hard copy groundwater data in the computers and tying this information together with the depletion program and our computer mapping program. During the summer of last year, Don completed the first computer generated map showing the legal descriptions and all permitted well locations within the District. This map represented a five year project where over 6500 well locations were combine with the other layers of information contained in the base map. In addition to this project, Don developed hydrographs and other database information for the IRS Depletion program. The last three maps used in the depletion program have been computer generated. Through his efforts, including trial and error, Don has transformed our hand tabulated information into computer data which will provide information for the District well into the next century.

Most of the field services provided by the district were developed with the help and supervision of Don. He designed and equipped the logging trailer and the pump plant efficiency trailer used today. Don also tried various brands of electronic flow meter (EFM) until he found one that would provide reliable readings with the center pivot systems. Since this time the District has equipped all of the field vehicles with this type meter.

As you can tell, Don Piatt has been a very integral part of the operation of the North Plains Water District since 1970. It is probably safe to say that anyone who has had the District provide a service to them or just requested information concerning groundwater has had contact with Don. Although he officially retired January 1 this year, the District has asked him to remain as a consultant to help with the

mapping program, the depletion program and provide us with his knowledge of the groundwater resource for at least one more year.

Don is planning to do some traveling this summer and spend time in Colorado just enjoying his retirement. We hope the people of the District will come by Friday, April 18 to tell him how much his time with the District has been appreciated.

### Arts Around The Panhandle

Borger, Friday, April 25  
 Amarillo Little Theater June 12-15 and 19-22.



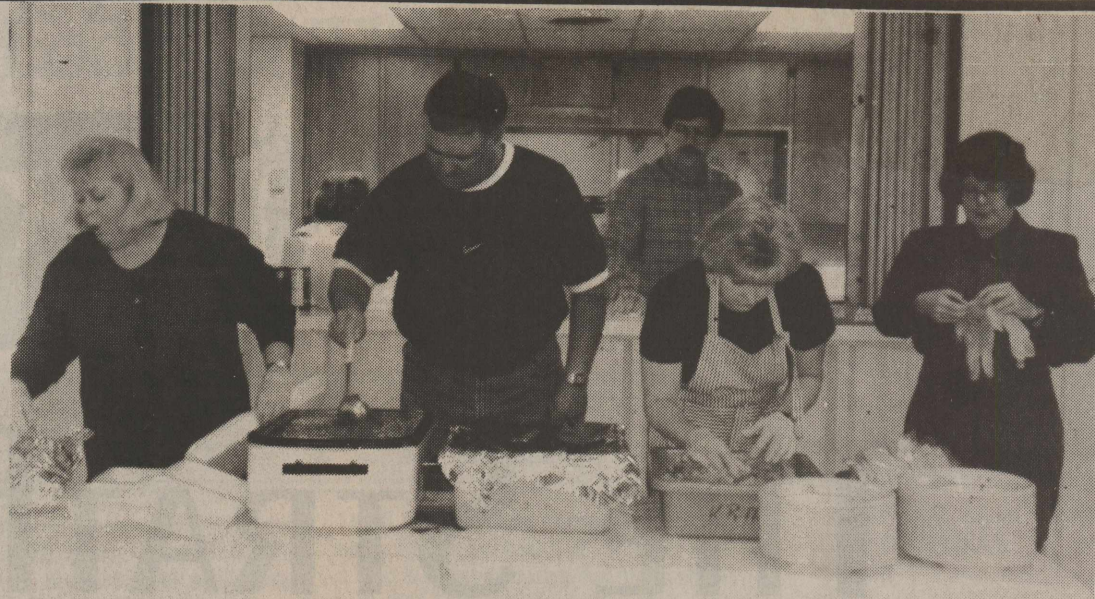
For best flavor and quality, use refrigerated eggs within a week.

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our List Is Growing!

The SCDC would like to express our appreciation to these individuals and businesses who have participated in our Taylor Building Project (either in form of a loan, contribution, or manual labor!) Thank you for joining us in the revitalization of the Taylor Building and in your support for the growth of our community. You have made a wonderful investment in the future of Stratford!

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| Bill & Selma Pendleton          | Dettle Cattle Co.        |
| Kenton & Nancy Kimball          | Lasley & Sons Feedyard   |
| Julie & Wes Kimball             | John Ewers               |
| Matt & Lorie Vincent            | Stratford Feedyard       |
| David Jackson                   | Gaynelle Riffe           |
| Leonda Fedric                   | Trans-Mix                |
| Moore Implement                 | Bill & Kathy Riffe       |
| Ronnie & Marihoward Engelbrecht | Scott & Dana Buckles     |
| Gary & Elaine Lundberg          | First State Bank         |
| B.A. & LeRayne Donelson         | Dr. Dennis Plunk         |
| Professional Hay Service        | THE General Store        |
| Wesley & Susie Spurlock         | Gayland & Debbi Vandiver |
| Anonymous Donors                | Marillyn Albert          |
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| Phillip & Kristi Walden         | Mary Riffe               |
| Cimmaron Feeders                | Neal & Mary Spurlock     |
| XIT Cellular                    | E.R. & Joan Bell         |
| XIT Communications              | Don & Gaynelle Riffe     |
| John & Sharon Wilson            | Gregg & Shari Hudson     |
| Joe Pete Flores                 | Eugene & Molly Griffin   |
| John & Evelyn Schmidt           | The City of Stratford    |
| Matthew & Julianna Taliaferro   | Joe Zak                  |
| Romero Rodriguez                | Joe Rangel               |
| A & I Parts                     | Jim & Shannon Taliaferro |
| Doak & Lisa Crabtree            |                          |

If you would like to add your name to the list...just give us a call at 396-2897.



## Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The Imagination Station held their annual spaghetti dinner fund raiser on Sunday, April 13th at the County Barn. A good crowd turned out for the delicious meal. Shown above is Evelyn Schmidt, Phillip Walden, Andy Riffe, Karen Riffe and Blynn Bryson.

### Scot Hall By Jack Gore

First of all, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of four Sherman County Older Texans that are no longer with us.

Bingo this Thursday night at 7 p.m.. Board meeting next Tuesday, 22nd, Luncheon Thursday the 24th and Dance Saturday the 26th.

Dance Practice has started again for Monday nights. New people have already signed up.

Tentative date of Friday, 25th has been set to eat fish in Dumas. Sign up soon.

Some armadillos, opossums and sloths spend up to 80 percent of their lives sleeping while it is claimed that Dali's porpoise never sleeps at all.

### Naugle Attends Special Ceremonies

Sherman-Austin College student Keely Naugle of Stratford, a graduate of Stratford High School and the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Howard Naugle, was one of nearly 90 students who attended special ceremonies in Dallas last week during Austin College's annual "An Evening with your Scholar" program. The event, held at Royal Oaks Country Club, featured a keynote address by James Adams, Chairman of the Board of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

The program is designed to bring together the donors and honorees of scholarships at Austin College with the students currently holding those scholarships. The college stresses that scholarships offer more than dollars and the special evening opens the door for students and donors to become acquainted and benefit from each others' experiences.

Also attending were members of Austin College's Board of Trustees and administration.

Austin College is a 148-year old liberal arts college related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Campus is located approximately 60 miles north of Dallas.

The college awards over 100 academic scholarships and fellowships each year, ranging from \$500 to full tuition. In addition to endowed scholarships Austin College now accepts sponsored scholarships with a four-year funding commitment. For information about making a scholarship gift, contact the executive director of major gifts at (803) 813-2058 or 1-800-467-6646.

For information about Austin College scholarships and admission procedures, call 1-800-442-5363 or write Office of Admission, 900 N. Grand Avenue, Sherman, Texas 75090.

The rate of a chemical reaction doubles for every ten degree Centigrade rise in temperature.

### Guymon Community Theater Special Event "Jane Hitch Willingham-Big Band Era Revue" April 25 & 26

Jane Hitch Willingham, originally from Guymon has lived in Dallas for over 28 years. She is a former Miss Oklahoma, receiving a degree in speech and drama from Oklahoma State University. Jane has pursued a theatrical career which includes work on stage, television and films. Her theater work includes shows at the Dallas Theater Center, the Dallas Summer Musicals and Circle Theater of Ft. Worth. She has appeared on TV in "Walker, Texas Ranger" and film work includes Oliver Stone's "Born on the Fourth of July".

All seats will be sold at the door with no reserved seating.



The word glove comes from the Anglo-Saxon glof, which means palm of the hand.

### Elect Ken Forthman City Council

Your Vote & Support Will Be Appreciated on May 3, 1997

Pd. Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Ken Forthman, P.O. Box 291, Stratford, TX 79084

### April 20th - April 26th is National Infant Immunization Week

The goal of Texas Health Steps Immunization Program is for every infant to receive their immunizations by two.

Stratford's Medical Clinic can provide all immunizations required. Please call for an appointment 396-5583  
 Clinic Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Closed For Lunch - 12:00 - 1:00

### Del 20 de Abril - 26 de Abril Es Semana Nacional de vacunas para infantes

la meta de Los pasos Sanos de Texas es que todos los niños recivan todas su vacunas para la edad de dos años.

Stratford's Medical Clinic tiene todas las vacunas requeridas favor de llaman al numero 396-5583 para apartar cita. Abiertos de Lunes a viernes 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cerrados de 12-1.

## AUCTION

Friday, April 25, 1997 ----- Sale Time: 11:00 A.M.

VERY FEW SMALL ITEMS - PLEASE BE ON TIME

LOCATED: Dumas, TX From Intersection of US Hwys 87/287 & Texas Hwy 152 5 1/2 miles East on Texas Hwy 152, then 3 miles North on FM Hwy 1284, then 1 1/2 miles East on Black Top Road; or from Sunray, TX 8 miles South and West on FM Hwy 119, then 3 1/4 miles South on FM Hwy 1284, then 1 1/2 miles East On Black Top Road.

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#### TRACTORS:

- 1-1990 Case IH 7140 Magnum Diesel Tractor, MFWD, Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, 18.4-42 Rubber, Duals, Triple Hyd, 5525 Hrs
- 1-1985 John Deere 4850 Diesel Tractor, 2 WD, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, P/S Trans, Q/H, 18.4-42 Rubber, 5450 Hrs
- 1-Set 18.4-42 John Deere Axle Duals, 4850 Hubs

#### COMBINE - CORNHEAD:

- 1-1981 International 1480 Diesel Combine Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, 24 ft Header, 24.5-32 Rubber (Shredded)
- 1-International 8 row 30" Cornhead, 500 Acres Since O/H

#### WELDER - GENERATOR:

- 1-Lincoln SA 200 Portable Welder-Generator Mtd On 2 Wheel Trailer
- 1-30 KW Portable Generator-Diesel Duetz Power Unit

#### LIVESTOCK (POT) TRAILERS:

- 1-1985 Wilson 53-96 Punch Side Cattle Pot Trailer TA
- 1-1980 Barrett 48-96 Slat Side Cattle Pot Trailer TA

#### TRUCK - AUGER - TRAILERS - HAY MOVERS - POST HOLE DIGGERS:

- 1-1964 Ford F-600 SA Grain Truck V/8 Engine, 4 sp, 2 sp, 16 ft Grain Bed, TC Hoist, Hyd Pump
- 1-My-D Han-D 4"X11" Down Fill Grain Auger, Hyd. Motor
- 1-Hale 5'X 16' Stock Trailer, TA, Full Metal Cover
- 1-Hale 5'X 16' Stock Trailer, TA, Open Top
- 1-16 ft Utility Trailer, TA, w/trails
- 1-Tumblebug 2 wheel Round Hay Bale Transport Trailer
- 1-3 pt, 4 prong 2 Round Hay Bale Mover
- 1-Danuser 3 pt PTO Post Hole Digger

#### IRRIGATION ENGINES:

- 1-International 605 Irrigation Engine
- 1-Ford 460 Irrigation Engine

#### EQUIPMENT:

- 1-Great Plains 3 pt Grain Drill, Model 340785, 8" Spaced,
- 1-John Deere 355, 20" Offset Disc Plow
- 1-Hamby 3 pt, 30 ft Fertilizer Applicator, TSB, LTM, DGW w/sweeps Tubes, Dual Nitrolators, TP, HC
- 1-Hamby 3 pt, 21 ft Chisel Sweep Plow TSB, LTM, DGW
- 1-Krause Model 1793, 17 Shank, 3 pt Chisel Sweep Plow, TSB, GW, CC
- 12-International 295 Bed Planter Units F/G Boxes, DD
- 1-Lilliston 8 row Rolling Cultivator 8 Row 30", Big Bar
- 1-Lilliston 6 row Rolling Cultivator, SB
- 1-John Deere 20 ft Offset Disc Plow
- 1-King 18 ft Offset Disc Plow
- 1-Caldwell Atlas 3 pt 8 ft Blade CC
- 1-Ballantine 4 Row DT Shredder, Belt Drive
- 1-PMC, FM 8 Row Ropewick Herbicide Applicator
- 1-Campbell 21 ft DRTB Tool Carrier, 3 pt, GW
- 2-Hamby 10"X10" Bed

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**Timi's Tidbits**  
By Timi Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers and Readers at 10:00 a.m. Monday morning April 14, 1997.

After the emotional strain of grief caused by the funerals for four Sherman County Old Timers we thought we were ready to face life cheerfully and write our usual greeting of happy day, with sincerity and hopefulness when our phone rang and the voice of our C.P.A. said, "good morning! We have your income tax return ready." When the feeling of sinking passed we recovered and our reaction was "Thanks the Lord its nothing but money involved."

Probably the next idea is to scan the calendar of activities coming up after Tuesday, April 15, 1997, and see of our lives are in balance. On Scot calendar Bingo night Thursday, April 17, 1997 7:00 p.m. The Lew Bruni wedding anniversary and Bonnie Hamilton, and Don Riffe's birthdays on Saturday, April 19, 1997, add natural feeling to the calendar. Remember Tuesday, April 22, 1997 is Scot board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

On the April community Calendar events of interest to Senior citizens are: April 20, 1997 Sunday, Stuffed potato dinner given by Spanish III class of S.H.S. for trip to Mexico.

April 23, 1997 Wednesday Secretaries Day employers remember to honor your hard working secretary Senior Citizen employer. Remember your hard working Sec. April 25, 1997. Friday, No school, snow day April 26, 1997. CASA for Kids in Pendleton park.

April 29, 1997 Tuesday FHA Cookout.

Belated Congratulations and best wishes from Sherman County Old timers and personally to the following persons and organizations to the distinguished 3 honored at C of C, Banquet Namely: Walter Lasley, Business Person, Ineta Chesher, Farmer of Year, Jean Everett, Citizen. Michael Meil DAR Citizen (Daughter Of America Revolution) from SHS.

Kelly Gymnastics participating in Division I Dist. Champ Dalhart April 19, 1997. To Pig Kissers Contestants for CASA. SCDC Manager Lorie Vincent, chosen District 9 Young Contest. Lee Erich Byerly-son in law of Scot Director Jack and Mrs. Gore, awarded resident of OB/GYN in Tulsa, Okla. Levi James and Cassie Bell, Calf Scrambler, winner in San Antonio Stock Show, Stratford Grain Bowling Team who participated in Women International Bowling Congress, Reno and Nita Taylor who went along for fun. To all UIL participants from SHS and S.I.D. The demolition of the landmark Harbour Motel buildings opens up an interesting view on Highway 287. Did you enjoy reading the write up about the motel taken from God, Grass and Grit?

Last Thursday, Corda Pleyer, Elsie Pickens, Betty Lou O'Brien, Opal Bryant, played 42 at Betty Lou, reports that Mary Peach Smith says "It seems that everyone is getting old except herself"

From friend Genevieve Wilson we learned that the daughter of her neighbor the Monte Audrians's, who lives in Fort Worth, Dallas was shot in the face with a shot gun during a robbery hold up a few days ago the daughter is making some progress under doctors care. Monte is the husband of Sheila Cummings whose parents are Wayne and Darla Cummings.

Near tragedy was averted when Rena Everett called her mother in law Jean Everett that she and the children were feeling ill, Jean found out they were victims of monoxide gas, they were taken to Dumas Memorial Hospital. Where the children revived quickly when oxygen was administered, Rena was held for a time for recuperation.

In telephone conversation with Timi on Tuesday, Beulah Bardwell remarked that she was seeing the doctor on Thursday, Beulah's daughter Paulette Palmer told us this morning that her mother is scheduled for back surgery.

Lorlyn stopped by H.L. Haile, Amarillo this morning, he was feeling and looking better. Geneva said all was well. She also said Shirley Foreman who goes to St. Anthony's for therapy after knee surgery last Tuesday, and that Eddie Moon is still improving.

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**Kerrick News**

By Marylou McDaniel

Kerrick will be hosting a supper for the fireman on Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Those who have not been designated a dish may bring something that goes with barbecue.

On Sat. April 26 at 7:00 p.m., the community will meet at K-Bobs in Dalhart for supper with George & Barbara Avent. Afterwards all will gather at the Avent's new home for a housewarming.

Foodshare Distribution Day is Sat. April 26 - pickup about 2:30 p.m. If anyone in Stratford is interested in the Foodshare program. Contact Barbara Schoonover at 727-4696.

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Timis Tidbits

Next week we'll tell you about our experience with the Cassette player loan to us Texas Library of Congress organization.

Seems this is a good day to do a little visiting and cheering peers with shoulder pats and luv.

The oldest bank in the U.S. in continuous operation is the Bank of New York, founded in 1834 by Alexander Hamilton.

**New Places-New Faces**



William (Bill) Moss and Rebecca (Becky) Moss are Stratfords newest residents. Bill works for G&R Cattle and Becky is a Dept. manager at Wal-Mart in Dumas. Bill was born in El Paso, Texas and has lived in Dallas, Lubbock and Enid, Ok. He attended Texas Tech, & received a Bachelor of Science in animal sciences. He is a member of National

Rifle Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Christian Coalition. He enjoys shooting, history, sports and family time. Becky was born in Albuquerque, N.M. and has lived in Grand Junction, CO and Enid, Ok. She attended Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colorado. She is a member of Christian Coalition and her and Bill & daughter attend First Baptist Church. She says they are very happy to be in Stratford and plan to stay and set down some roots here. She enjoys sewing, spending time with her family. Their daughter Taylor Miller is 4 and was born in Oklahoma City, Ok. She is currently going to Lollipop Junction. She will start Kindergarten in the fall. She likes riding her bike, roller-skating, and playing with her Barbies, and helping Mom around the house. She has a cat named "Spook".

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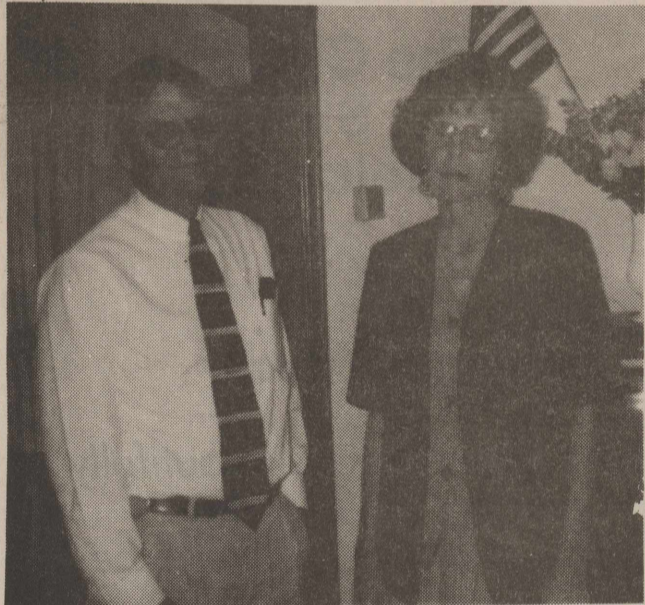
Sundae Riddlespurger, bride-elect of Corey McCutchan was honored with a bridal shower on April 6, 1997 at the Serendipity House in Dumas. Shown from left, Lois Riddlespurger, Amarillo (grandmother of bride), Jan Riddlespurger, Amarillo (stepmother of bride), Trudy Davis, Maud (grandmother of bride), Carrie Thomas, Maud (mother of bride), Sundae Riddlespurger, Lubbock, Debbie Spurlock, Stratford (mother of groom), Margie Bagwell, Dumas (grandmother of groom), Nada McCutchan, (grandmother of groom).



Karen Zaleskie, bride-elect of Shannon Norris was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Debbi Vandiver on Saturday, April 12. Shown from left, Elizabeth Zimmer, Martha Ellison, Jennifer Zaleskie, Andrea Zimmer, Laurie Norris, Susan Zaleskie, Verlie Norris, Katie Norris. In front, bride to be, Karen Zaleskie.



Joyce Ann Lasley was honored as Public Affairs Woman of the Month by Prospectus Study Club at the April Meeting. She was presented a Certificate by Mary Lou Albert, Public Affairs Chairman.



Judge Bill Fesler was introduced by Mary Lou Albert at the April meeting of Prospectus Study Club. Albert is Public Affairs chairman. Fesler spoke on "Probate and Estates for Women".

**Study Club Meets**

Prospectus Study Club met at the home of Oline Caraway on April 2. The program was "Probate and Estates for Women" by Judge Bill Fesler. He also spoke on guardianship of minors and elders. A sheet, "A Guide for the Independent Executor (trix)" was distributed. Questions were asked and answered. Mary Lou Albert, Public Affairs coordinator, introduced the speaker.

"What I have done on my estate planning" was the roll call subject.

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TFWC Convention will be held April 30-May 2 at Waco with some members planning to attend the celebration of 100 years of Federation in Texas.

Letters of thanks were read from Mrs. Brownlee's class for the "Kids for Kindness" papers they receive from club and M.D. Anderson for material for turbans.

It was reported that the March Blood Drive had been a big success. Michelle Lutes, chairman, said that Dwayne Plunk gave his 51st pint of blood.

The next meeting will be a busy business session of selecting the Old Timer King and Queen, scholarship recipients, July 4th Food booth, plans for Meals on Wheels.

A business and a volunteer Woman of the Month will be honored.

Club will meet at the home of Ronna Jo Riffe with Margaret Reed, Mary Lou Albert and Zelda Pickens as co-hostesses.

24 members were present with president Cynthia Schoenhals presiding.

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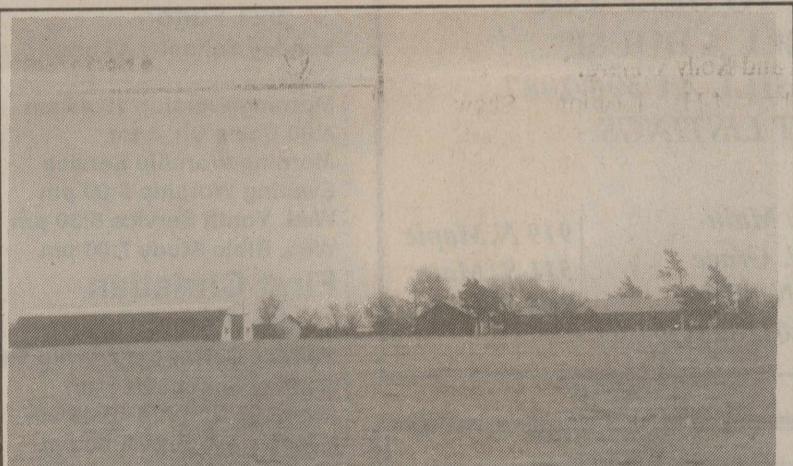
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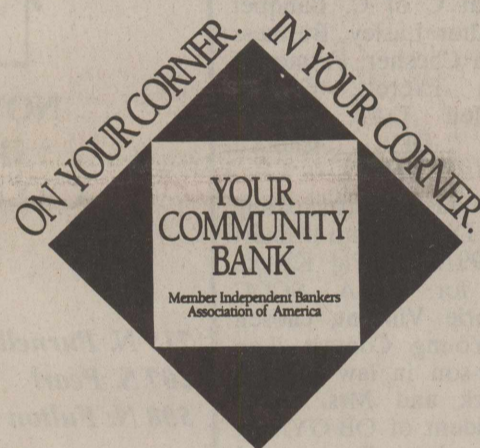
was released later that day. This occurred one mile South of Stratford. Wednesday, April 9th at 2:40 a.m. Ernesto Villegas was towing a trailer from Kansas to El Paso and overturned two miles west of town. He was uninjured. Wednesday, April 9th at 10:17 Fred Jones of

Oklahoma also skidded on highway U.S. 54 2 miles west of Stratford and hit a guard rail several times and overturned. He was uninjured. April 11th at 5 a.m. Douglas Powell of Grapevine, Texas was driving a tractor trailer semi truck when he slid off the highway into a fence and jackknifed his truck. He was also uninjured. This occurred on 287 south 1/2 mile from Stratford.



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Shown above, the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Brownlee, & Mrs. Metcalf are collecting cans & papers for recycling and to save a tree. Their first week of collections were picked up last Friday with Mrs. Reed's class having 74 inches, Mrs. Metcalf - 33 inches and Mrs. Brownlee - 25 inches. 4th graders shown from left: Adam Gomez, Johnna Ewers, Jamie Valenzuela, Joey Rangel, Lindsay Stein, Brittany Hudson & Kayce Keith. These 4th grade classes will be collecting the whole month of April.



The 5th grade performed the musical "The Phantom of The Music Room" under the direction of Mrs. Marietta Combs last Thursday evening, April 10 in the High School Auditorium.



At left, celebrating 85 years of Girl Scouting; Standing L/R Evlyn Schmidt, Bethany Johnson, Ann Wells, Marietta Combs, Gaynelle Riffe. Kneeling L/R Teresa Wells, Ginger Crabtree. Yucca Council celebrated 85 years of Girl Scouting with a fun day of activities for Girl Scouts concluding with the Council Annual Meeting.



Marietta Combs, leader and seven members of Brownie Troop attended the 85th Girl Scout Birthday event in Guymon, Saturday April 12.



Participants in county 4-H Fashion Show held Monday, April 7 were Craig Reinart, Trisha Teig, Jayme Wilhelm, Tanya Whatley, and Kayla Willard. All participants will advance to District 4-H Fashion Show April 26 in Borger.

### 4-H'ers Advance To District

Five Sherman County 4-H members will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show competition set for April 26 in Borger.

Representing the county will be Jayme Wilhelm, Jr. Casual Daywear, Kayla Willard, Jr. Active Playwear, Tanya Whatley, Jr. Dressy Daywear, Craig Reinart, Jr. Buying Division, and Trisha Teig, Intermediate Buying Division.

The young people entered the County Fashion Show held on Monday, April 7th. Jean Everett evaluated the garments and the awards program was held in the lobby of the First State Bank.

Volunteer leaders who assisted youth with their projects were Vicki Gore, Kay Hefley, Gay Wilhelm, Janet Reinart, Terri Teig, and Kelly Willard.

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## District Track Results

The Varsity Girls placed 4th at the District Track Meet held in Spearman on Monday, April 14 with a total of 101 points.

Individual results were as follows: 3200 M Run - Keri Wight - 3rd, Odila Soto - 10th. 400 M Relay - 3rd - Ashlie Lasley, Hillary Baskin, Missy Sikora, Megan Baskin. 110 M Hurdles - Tai Ann Brownlee - 2nd, Lori Adams - 3rd. 800 M Run - Keri Wight - 6th. 300 M Inter Hurdles - Jennifer King - 3rd, Lynz Browning - 6th, Tai Ann Brownlee - 7th. 1600 M Run - Julie Kimball - 5th. 1600 M Relay and 800 M Relay - 2nd - Megan Baskin, Hillary Baskin, Ashlie Lasley, Jennifer King. Shot Put - Jessica Sikora - 4th. Triple Jump - Jennifer King - 4th. Long Jump - Jennifer King - 2nd, Megan Baskin - 3rd, Lynz Browning - 7th. High Jump - Lynz Browning - 4th.

Advancing to Regionals are Tai Ann Brownlee in 100 Hurdles, Jennifer King in Long Jump, 800 Relay & Mile Relay, Ashlie Lasley, Megan Baskin, Hillary Baskin in 800 Relay & Mile Relay. Congratulations to these girls!!!!

The J.V. Boys placed 1st at the District Track Meet held in Spearman with a total of 174 points.

Individual results were as follows: 3200 M Run - Andy Witcher - 5th. 400 Meter Relay - 1st - Eric Hernandez, Roy McCracken, Parker Wells, Nathan Meil. 110 M Hurdles - David Hunsaker - 1st, Levi James - 4th. 800 M Run - Ross Davis - 1st. 100 M Dash - Eric Hernandez - 1st. 400 M Dash - Parker Wells - 4th. 300 M Int. Hurdles - David

Hunsaker - 1st, Levi James - 2nd, Nathaniel Walden - 5th. 200 M Dash - Roy McCracken - 1st, Eric Hernandez - 2nd. 1600 M Run - Ross Davis - 1st, Andy Witcher - 2nd. 1600 M Relay - 1st - Parker Wells, Roy McCracken, David Hunsaker, Nathan Meil. Shot Put - Cody Brotherton - 1st. Discus Throw - Cody Brotherton - 4th, Justin Starnes - 6th. Long Jump - Levi James - 7th. High Jump - Ross Davis - 1st, David Hunsaker - 2nd.

The Varsity Boys placed 6th at the District Track Meet in Spearman with a total of 48 points.

Individual results were as follows: 400 M Relay - 5th - Mark Meil, Dusty Stewart, J.B. Presley, Michael Meil. 110 M Hurdles - Dusty Stewart - 3rd. 800 M Run - Jose Reta - 3rd. 400 M Dash - Michael Meil - 3rd. 300 M Int Hurdles - Dusty Stewart - 1st. Pole Vault - Dusty Stewart - 4th. Triple Jump - Dusty Stewart - 2nd. Dusty Stewart will advance to Regionals in Triple Jump and 300 M Int. Hurdles. Congratulations Dusty!

PICTURES OF GOLF TEAM ADVANCING TO REGIONALS AND REGIONAL TRACK QUALIFIERS IN NEXT EDITION:

REGIONAL TRACK QUALIFIERS WILL COMPETE AT THE TASCOSA REGIONAL QUALIFYING MEET THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 19 AT TASCOSA HIGH SCHOOL. FIELD EVENTS AT 10:30 AND RUNNING EVENTS AT 1:30.

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### AVISO DE ELECCION DIRECTORES

A los votantes registrados del Stratford Distrito de Hospital, Texas

Notifiquet, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 3rd de Mayo de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion para dos (2) directores.

Direccion de las casillas electorales Stratford High School Administration Office at 503 N. 8th at Stratford, Texas 79084.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Stratford High School Administration Office entre las 8 de la manana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 14th de Abril, 1997 y terminando el 29th de Abril, 1997.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a Darla Cummings, P.O. Box 108, Stratford, Texas 79084.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25, 1997.

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Jeanie Boggs  
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